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SUBJECT: MORE ON PLO

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1. AL-BAZ TELEPHONED MID-AFTERNOON TO SAY ARAFAT AND COMPANY NOW PLAN TO STAY AT WALDORF TOWERS, RESERVATIONS TO BEGIN MONDAY EVENING, PROVIDED 15 RPT 15 OR SO ROOMS CAN BE GOTTEN ON ONE FLOOR. FAHMY BELIEVES SADAT HASSAN IS INEFFICIENT AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MISINTERPRETING USG OFFER OF MILITARY QUARTERS FOR ARAFAT, WHICH RESULTED IN UNFAVORABLE ME PRESS PLAY. FAHMY HAS THEREFORE ASKED SAID KAMAL TO ISSUE PLO PRESS STATEMENT FROM CAIRO AFFIRMING HELPFUL ATTITUDE OF USG. STATEMENT EXPECTED MOMENTARILY.

2. AL-BAZ SAYS THAT, IN VIEW GOE'S LOW OPINION OF SADAT HASSAN'S EFFICIENCY, FAHMY HAS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT USUN MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST PLO TO RESERVE 15 WALDORF TOWERS ROOMS ON SAME FLOOR. WE MADE NO COMMITMENT.

3. EGYPTIANS STILL TRYING TO DETERMINE IF THEY CAN MAKE AN EGYPTAIR AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE TO ARAFAT AND HIS PARTY AND A DECISION
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IS EXPECTED LATER TODAY.

4. PURSUANT STATE 247795, WE HAVE ISSUED C-2 VISA TO ARAFAT UNDER HIS ASSUMED NAME OF MOHAMED CHERIF BEN ALI. VISA AFFIXED TO ALGERIAN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT 3092A73, HENCE IS VALID ONLY FOR ONE ENTRY AND ONE MONTH. NO RPT NO DIPLOMATIC VISA STAMP WAS AFFIXED TO VISA.

5. AL-BAZ ALSO ADVISES ENTIRE PLO GROUP NOW HERE ENPLANING FOR BEIRUT 1550 LOCAL (1350 GMT) TODAY AND AGAIN ASKED FOR NAME OF AMEMBASSY BEIRUT CONTACT. ACCORDING TO HIM PLO CONCERNED THEY WILL BE "STUCK" IN BEIRUT.
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